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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

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Description, pages:

2-5 as originally filed

1,1a as received on 17/02/2001 with letter of 14/01/2001

Claims, No.:

1-3 as received on 17/02/2001 with letter of 14/01/2001

Drawings, sheets:

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

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- the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-3
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-3
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-3
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

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V.

The present invention relates to a radio mobile telecommunications system (Claim 1) and to a corresponding method (Claim 3). When a connection has to be made, the mobile device sends messages and waits for a corresponding acknowledgement. If this is not the case, then the message is resent. This means a considerable amount of time is wasted waiting for an acknowledgement.

The nearest prior art seems to be represented by WO-A-98 18280 which discloses a random access in a mobile telecommunications system and which consists of sending a random access request with an error deduction redundancy field.

The solution of the present invention is based on the assumption that a message is only very rarely corrupted. Therefore, it is more advantageous to send a negative (i.e. indicating a corrupted reception) instead of a positive (i.e. indicating a successful transmission) acknowledgement. If no negative acknowledgement is received then a successful transmission is assumed.

The claimed subject-matter is not disclosed in or rendered obvious by the available prior art and Claims 1 and 3 fulfil thus the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT in respect of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. The same applies to dependent Claim 2 which contains further refinements of the main embodiment of Claim 1.

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IMPROVED MESSAGE ACCESS FOR
RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

This invention relates to an improved message access arrangement for a radio 5 telecommunications system such as Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) and relates especially to message acquisition indications.

To make a connection to the UMTS system, in known arrangements a mobile telephone sends its preamble at a first power, and waits for an acquisition indication on the Acquisition Indication Channel (AICH); if no indication is received, the preamble is resent 10 at increased power, in steps, until an indication is received on the AICH. The message is then sent and if no positive acknowledgement is received via the Forward Access Channel (FACH), the message is assumed to be corrupted and it is resent. The total time spent by the mobile in waiting for acknowledgements can be considerable.

Further, checking of received preamble and message involves the Physical Layer 15 (layer 1) and the Data Link Layer (layer 2) of the node (?) handling the connection; layer 2 may be located in the Base Transceiver Station (BTS) but it may alternatively be located in the Base Station Controller (BSC); the total time required for the messages to pass can add to the waiting time.

It is an object of the invention to provide an arrangement in which the waiting time 20 which a mobile may experience before its call is successfully connected is reduced.

According to the invention, a radio mobile telecommunications system comprising a base transceiver station arranged to manage a plurality of mobile systems within at least one telecommunications cell; the base station having means to provide an acquisition indication channel by which preamble signals sent by a mobile system to the base transceiver station 25 are acknowledged when the strength of a preamble signal reaches a predetermined level, characterised in that the acquisition indication channel is further arranged to acknowledge message signals sent by said mobile system.

In the accompanying drawings, the prior art is illustrated in figures 1 – 7 in which:-

- Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of a part of a radio telecommunications system;
30 Figure 2 illustrates a physical random access channel slots structure;
Figure 3 illustrates the structure of a random access transmission;
Figure 4 illustrates the structure of an access burst from a mobile;
Figure 5 illustrates the message part of the random access burst;
Figure 6 illustrates the layers involved in message acknowledgement and

CLAIMS

- 1 A radio mobile telecommunications system comprising a base transceiver station (18) arranged to manage a plurality of mobile systems (12, 14, 16) within at least one telecommunications cell; the base station (18) having means to provide an acquisition indication channel by which preamble signals (80, 82, 84) sent by a mobile system (12) to the base station (18) are acknowledged when the strength of a preamble signal (84) reaches a predetermined level, characterised in that the acquisition indication channel is further arranged to acknowledge (171, 176) message signals (168, 178) sent by said mobile system.
- 2 A system according to Claim 1 in which the acquisition indication channel is arranged to send a negative acquisition signal (171) when a message (168) sent by the mobile system (12) is unacceptable.
- 15 3 A system according to Claim 2 in which a negative acquisition signal (171) is sent when the message (168) sent by the mobile system (12) fails a cyclic redundancy code check performed in the base transceiver station (18).
- 20 4. A method of operating a radio mobile telecommunications system comprises :-
 - sending spaced preambles (160, 162, 164) of increasing strength from a mobile (12) to a base transceiver station (18);
 - s sending a preamble acknowledgement signal (166) on an acquisition indication channel from the base transceiver station (18) to the mobile system (12) when a preamble (164) reaches an acceptable strength;
 - 25 and sending a message signal (168, 178) from the mobile system (12) to the base transceiver station (18); characterised by :-
 - further sending a message acknowledgement signal (171, 176) on said acquisition indication channel from the base transceiver station (18) to the mobile system (12).

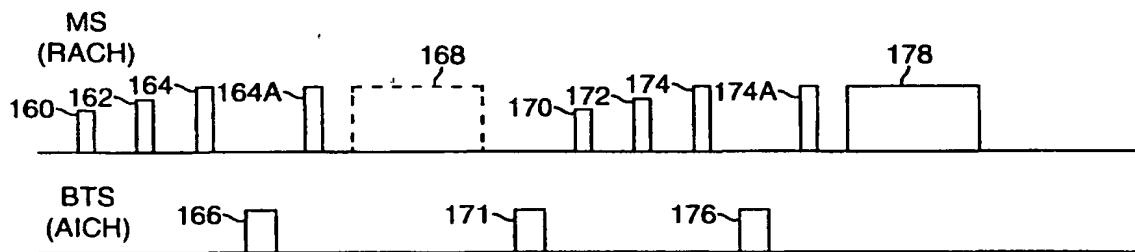
- 5 A method according to Claim 4 in which the message acknowledgement signal is a negative acknowledgement signal (171) indicating a corrupted message (168).



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(57) Abstract

In a UMTS system, the AICH is arranged to send, in addition to signals acknowledging that a preamble (164) from a mobile (12) is at an acceptable strength, further signals (171, 176) acknowledging message signals (168, 178) from the mobile. Preferably the further signal (171) is a negative acknowledgement signal, indicating that a message (168) is corrupted. Application of the invention avoids the involvement of layer (2) in message acknowledgement.

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